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1. SUMMARY. MINISTER OLSZEWSKI HAS ACCEPTED THE DATE OF OCTOBER 17, AS PROPOSED IN REF, FOR THE BEGINNING OF HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE MINISTER AGAIN ASKED THAT WE CONVEY HIS APOLOGIES TO SECRETARY KREPS FOR HIS INABILITY TO COME EARLIER IN OCTOBER AS ORIGINALLY PREFERRED. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION. OLSZEWSKI WOULD LIKE TO DEVOTE THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF HIS VISIT TO OFFICIAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, WHICH WOULD, OF COURSE, BE CENTERED AROUND HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY KREPS ON OCTOBER 17. HE HOPES THAT CALLS CAN ALSO BE MADE ON PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE, AND SECRETARY BERGLAND. FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, THE MINISTER HOPES TO VISIT AT LEAST ONE OTHER STATE AND WOULD WELCOME OUR SUGGESTIONS. THE MINISTER WOULD COMPLETE HIS STAY WITH MEETINGS WITH INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL LEADERS IN NEW YORK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CHARGE CALLED ON CHIEF OF CABINET DARIUSZ SLIWINSKI AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE ON SEPTEMBER 12. SLIWINSKI, WHO IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE IN THE MINISTRY FOR COORDINATING THE VISIT,
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SAID MINISTER OLSZEWSKI WAS HAPPY TO ACCEPT THE DATE OF OCTOBER 17 FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE MINISTER, HE SAID, WISHED ONCE AGAIN TO CONVEY HIS REGRET AT NOT BEING ABLE TO COME EARLIER IN THE MONTH AND HIS APPRECIATION FOR SECRETARY KREP'S UNDERSTANDING OF HIS NEED TO BE IN MOSCOW DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4. MINISTER OLSZEWSKI PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 16. SLIWINSKI SAID THE MINISTER

UNDERSTANDS THAT SECRETARY KREPS WILL NOT BE IN WASHINGTON AFTER OCTOBER 17.

3. SLIWINSKI SAID THE GOP PLACES HIGH IMPORTANCE ON THE ARRANGEMENT OF OTHER APPOINTMENTS FOR THE MINISTER, AND HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE AND SECRETARY BERGLAND. SLIWINSKI EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST MINISTERIAL VISIT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR POLISH LEADERS TO GET TO KNOW OFFICIALS IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION

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AND THAT THESE MEETINGS WOULD BE REGARDED AS IMPORTANT IN SETTING THE TONE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS. SLIWINSKI SAID THE MINISTER WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH RANKING MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE.

4. MINISTER OLSZEWSKI WISHES TO VISIT AT LEAST ONE OTHER STATE AFTER HIS OFFICIAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD WELCOME OUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE LOCALE. THE MINISTER PLANS TO END HIS TRIP WITH MEETINGS WITH FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LEADERS IN NEW YORK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22.

5. THE CHARGE SAID WE TOO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO MINISTER OLSZEWSKI'S VISIT AND COULD ASSURE HIM A PRODUCTIVE AND USEFUL PROGRAM. THE TIMING SUGGESTED BY DIRECTOR SLIWINSKI SOUNDS REASONABLE, THE CHARGE SAID, BUT WE CANNOT MAKE COMMITMENTS AS TO THE AVAILABILITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD ALREADY HELD SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CONCERNING THE MINISTER'S SCHEDULE. THE SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WOULD, OF COURSE, CENTER AROUND DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY KREPS ON OCTOBER 17. THE CHARGE ASKED IF MINISTER OLSZEWSKI HAD EXPRESSED ANY PREFERENCES AS TO PLACES OR COMPANIES TO VISIT WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES.

6. DIRECTOR SLIWINSKI RELIED THAT HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROTOCOLARY QUESTIONS AS SEEN BY THE GOP. HE SAID THE OFFICIAL TALKS IN WASHINGTON WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE MINISTER'S VISIT AND THAT HE HOPED APPROPRIATE MEETINGS COULD BE ARRANGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRACTICE IN POLAND FOR VISITING UNITED STATES LEADERS. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO THE MEETINGS ARRANGED FOR CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE POZNAN FAIR, WITH FIRST SECRETARY GIIREK IN JUNE. SLIWINSKI SAID A RECEPTION FOR THE MINISTER "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL" WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY PERSONAL MESSAGE WHICH LEADERS MIGHT "PREFER NOT TO GIVE TO OTHER INTERMEDIARIES."

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7. THE CHARGE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE RECEPTIONS ACCORDED CONGRESSMAN ROSTENSKOWSKI AND SENATOR MCGOVERN WITH THE FIRST SECRETARY AND OTHER POLISH LEADERS. HE SAID WE ARE FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE ATTENTION THE GOP GAVE SUCH VISITS AND THAT THIS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ARRANGING MINISTER OLSZEWSKI'S SCHEDULE. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE MINISTER WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WE CAN NOT NOW SPEAK ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, AND WE MIGHT NOT KNOW DEFINITELY ABOUT THEIR AVAILABILITY UNTIL THE VISIT IS CLOSE AT HAND. SLIWINSKI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

8. HE SAID THE POLISH DELEGATION, INCLUDING MINISTER OLSZEWSKI, WILL CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN FIVE OFFICIALS. HE WILL LET US KNOW THE SPECIFIC COMPOSITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SLIWINSKI ASKED ABOUT THE COSTS OF THE MINISTER'S TRAVEL. HE SAID THE POLES HAVE FORMAL UNDERSTANDING WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON THIS MATTER, WHEREBY THE HOST GOVERNMENT PAYS THE EXPENSES OF THE TOP FIVE OFFICIALS OF THE VISITING DELEGATION. WE SAID WE WERE NOT SURE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COVERING THESE COSTS WERE INTENDED BUT THAT WE COULD ASK.

9. WE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN WITH DIRECTOR SLIWINSKI AS PLANS FOR THE VISIT PROGRESS.

10. WE ARE STRUCK BY THE EMPHASIS WHICH SLIWINSKI PLACED ON
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THE PROTOCOL ASPECTS OF THIS VISIT AND BY HIS ALLUSION TO THE MINISTER'S DESIRE TO CARRY A FIRST-HAND MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT CARTER. OUR BEST EFFORTS IN ATTENDING TO THESE PROTOCOLARY TASKS WILL PAY DIVIDENDS WITH THE POLISH LEADERSHIP AND WOULD STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF A CONSISTENT PROPONENT OF STRENGTHENED US-POLISH ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NO DOUBT WISH TO BE IN TOUCH FURTHER WITH THE POLISH EMBASSY CONCERNING THESE QUESTIONS. MEANWHILE, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE DETAILS ON DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD AND ON THE FUNDING QUESTIONS RAISED BY SLIWINSKI.

11. WE WILL SEND SEPARATELY SUGGESTIONS ON THE REMAINDER OF THE MINISTER'S SCHEDULE. END COMMENT.
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